MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): So, is there difference in qualification then ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Teaching of Arabic in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam.

4. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslim students in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam ;

(*b*) whether provision is made in the said school to teach Arabic ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation for the appointment of an Arabic Munshi or Arabic Instructor in that school ; and

(*d*) the action taken by them in the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 121.

(*b*) Yes outside school hours.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question of appointing a full-time Arabic Instructor for the school is receiving attention.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any report has been received regarding the want of accommodation in the Primary School at South Vazhakulam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

Muslim Public Holidays.

5. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Muslim Public Holidays such as Prophet's day, Ramzan, Bakrid, etc., are being strictly observed in all the schools and colleges (departmental and non-departmental) and public offices of the State ; and

(*b*) if not, why ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) & (*b*) The holidays are strictly observed by all departmental institutions and offices. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason why the non-departmental schools are not observing the public holidays observed by the departmental schools ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is already there. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

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